

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new section headings on page 1, line 2 and line 3:

“BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention”

Please add the following new section heading on page 1, line 18:

“Description of Related Art”

Please add the following new section heading on page 1, line 27:

“BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION”

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

The drill guide assembly of the invention allows the alignment of the drill guide sleeve relative to the bone axis to be ~~finalised~~ finalized after fixing the assembly to the bone. The fixing of the assembly to the bone does not therefore have to be performed accurately because the final alignment of the drill guide sleeve is achieved after fixation, made possible by the translation of the drill guide sleeve relative to the frame when the locking mechanism is in its unlocked position.

Please add the following new section heading on page 7, line 4:

“BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS”

Please add the following new section heading on page 7, line 17:

“DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION”

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

The bulb 18 on the sleeve ~~14~~¹⁶ is received in a recess 20 in a housing 22. The internal surface 23 of the recess which faces towards the bone has a generally rounded shape.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 4 also shows details of the lock mechanism by which the drill guide can be locked against translation across the frame. The platform 12 from which each of the legs ~~6~~⁸ depend has an opening 52 in it in which the housing 22 is located. The opening 52 is larger than the housing, allowing the housing to translate across the platform: as shown in Figure 3, translation occurs in a direction which is perpendicular to the plane of the drawing.

Please add the following new section heading on page 12, line 1:

“CLAIMS”

Please replace the abstract of the disclosure beginning at page 15, line 5 with the following new paragraph:

A drill guide assembly includes a drill guide having a sleeve and a bulb at one end of the sleeve. A frame includes a housing which defines a recess in which the drill guide bulb can be received with the drill guide sleeve extending out of the recess so that the angular orientation of the drill guide sleeve relative to the housing can be adjusted by movement of the bulb within the recess. The drill guide can be locked relative to the housing against angular adjustment.